

Commodity Shelf Newsletter

December 2010

Commodity Expos January 26-28, 2011

DESE – SFS will again be holding Commodity Expos throughout Missouri to give Local Education Agencies (LEAs) the opportunity to learn more about the USDA Donated Foods (DF) Program and the processed items available for the 2011 – 2012 school year. **ALL LEAs** are strongly encouraged to attend the Commodity Expos, specifically the person(s) responsible for completing the processing packet. Participants will also have the opportunity to sample approved items from processors.

The following dates and locations have been established:



1. Central MO – Waynesville Career Center
 - Wednesday, January 26, 2011
2. St. Louis area – Francis Howell Central H.S.
 - Thursday, January 27, 2011
3. Kansas City area – Fort Osage Campus
 - Friday, January 28, 2011

Make plans to join the DESE – SFS staff at one of the locations to experience a great show of processed food and a day to network with other Food Service Directors from across the state.

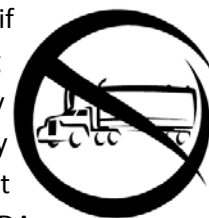
An educational session will begin the Expo each day, followed by the food show of approved processed items for SY 11-12, and areas set-up for DESE – SFS staff to work through the processing packet with any LEA wishing to seek our assistance. The educational session will include a brief overview of the DF Program here in Missouri and will also include discussions about enhancements to the DF Program on the horizon.

[Registration](#) and [directions](#) for the Commodity Expos **are now available** on [DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site](#). Big thanks go out to our host districts and the processors who continue to keep the Commodity Expos

a **free** event for participants. Although the Commodity Expos are free, registration is **required**. Registration forms can be completed and submitted in the same manner as monthly order forms. The deadline for Commodity Expo registration is **January 7, 2011**.

Commodity Deliveries

Food Distribution Associates (FDA) **will not** be delivering commodities December 23, 2010 – January 3, 2011 for Christmas Break. **HOWEVER**, if your LEA will have staff available during the Christmas Break period, you may request to receive your monthly delivery of commodities during that time. Contact Angie Jackson with FDA, 816-833-2000 or 866-473-9700 to make arrangements to receive delivery from December 23 – January 3.



Don't forget to check out the Prorated and Open Order Adjusted Amounts updated each month.

Click [here](#) for December's adjustments.

There were many items requiring adjustments in December. *Each LEA has information spanning 2 (TWO) pages.* Be sure to look at your Agreement Number on an odd and even numbered page to see all the adjustments.

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Mrs. Clark's BBQ Sauce

Mrs. Clark's did not have BBQ Sauce (52928 – 4/1 gal or 52978 – 216 portion cups) available in time to make December week 1 deliveries. Any LEA ordering either item and receiving deliveries during December week 1 will not receive the item in December. The quantities not received in December will be backordered by Food Distribution Associates to be received in January. LEA's receiving deliveries weeks 2 – 4 will receive their product as requested.

Chicken Fajita Strips

The A563 Chicken Fajita Strips apparently had a bumpy ride before arriving at FDA and some of the cases were pretty banged up. FDA contacted DESE – SFS and we are aware of the issue. FDA was instructed to receive the deliveries because make-up orders would not be filled by USDA and the product was not damaged (only the cases), plus DESE – SFS did not want to delay LEAs any longer from receiving the product. Please accept our apology for the banged up cases, but enjoy the tasty fajita strips inside☺!

Open Order UPDATES

DESE – SFS recently received a few “extra” items from the Family Support Division, which is the Missouri agency administering the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) which some LEAs participate in during the summer. DESE – SFS received the below and will make the items available via the Open Order.

- A061 – Green Beans, 305 cases
- A350 – Applesauce, 2 cases
- A364 – Cherries, IQF, 40 lbs, 240 cases
- A382 – Apricots Diced, 60 cases
- B119 – Am Cheese Slcd, Red Fat, 128 cases

A061 and A350 will be offered via Open Order with the next planned distributions, February and March respectively. (see [Open Order Items anticipated for SY 10-11](#)). A364, A382 and B119 are offered on the December Open Order for January delivery. Please remember the B119 American Cheese, Sliced, REDUCED FAT is offered **in addition** to the B065 American Cheese which will be Prorated out to each LEA in January.

- ★ A160 – Frozen Peas were not received by the USDA supplier during the requested time period and were not available for Dec distribution. The A160

trucks have now been received by Food Distribution Associates and will ship to LEAs in Jan. The orders submitted in Nov for Dec will be adjusted down and actually ship in Jan.

Prorated Donated Foods SY 10-11

The schedule for Prorated Donated Foods is:

| Com Code | Delivery Period | DF Value |
|----------|--------------------|----------|
| B065 | Aug 10 – Complete | \$ 44.91 |
| A515 | Sept 10 – Complete | \$ 33.82 |
| A608 | Sept 10 – Complete | \$ 73.16 |
| A346 | Nov 10 – Complete | \$ 9.51 |
| A608 | Nov 10 – Complete | \$ 70.62 |
| B065 | January 11 | \$ 52.16 |
| A608 | January 11 | \$ 98.42 |
| A515 | January 11 | \$ 31.31 |
| A608 | March 11 | TBD* |

*To Be Determined

- [A346](#) – Frozen Sliced Apples, 30 lb case
- [A515](#) – Cut-up Chicken, Frozen, 8 pc cut-up
- [A608](#) – Ground Beef, Frozen, 4/10 lb
- [B065](#) – Sliced American Cheese, 6/5 lb

For more information, see the [September 2010 Commodity Shelf Newsletter](#).

Quotes for the Month

“The best day of your life is the one on which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift is yours – it is an amazing journey – and you alone are responsible for the quality of it. This is the day that your life really begins.” – Bob Moawad

“The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he never would be found out” – Thomas Babington Macaulay

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Monthly Orders should be submitted to:
donatedfoods@dese.mo.gov

FDA (Angie Jackson or Karen Fry):
866-473-9700 or 816-833-2000

Regional Farm to School Workshops

Missouri Farm to School helps connect schools and universities with locally grown food and local farmers. By using more locally grown food in institutions, we can **increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables** and **create new market opportunities** for farmers. Learn more about MO Farm to School at a **FREE** regional workshop near you. Lunch is provided.

WHERE & WHEN

Truman State University, Kirksville, MO
Student Union (Franklin Street) Activities Room
Friday, January 21, 8:30 am – 4 pm
(snow date: January 28)

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO
Doisy College of Health Professions
• Wednesday, February 16, 8:30 – 4 pm

Please contact Bill McKelvey at 573-882-3273 or McKelveyWA@missouri.edu for inquiries and to keep posted about additional workshops planned for 2011.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Farmers, K-12 and college food service directors and staff, Food distributors, Food service management companies, School administrators and board members, Parents and students, Representatives from hospitals, child/adult care centers, senior centers, and other agencies and institutions.

Missouri School Nutrition Association members can receive 7.5 hours of continuing education credit for attending.

Hear first-hand accounts from farmers, food service directors, and distributors involved in farm to school programs. Learn how they got started and how they make it work.

REGISTRATION IS FREE AND REQUIRED!

Contact **Stacy Colley** at 573-882-5114 or ColleyS@missouri.edu to register.

Please send complete contact information if registering by email.

Please select one of the following locations:

☐ Kirksville (Jan. 21)*

☐ St. Louis (Feb. 16)

Please select from one of the following afternoon breakout sessions for:

☐ Farmers

☐ School food service

Lunch is included. Please indicate any dietary/meal considerations:

☐ Vegetarian meal

☐ Other

(Please specify) _____

*Kirksville Workshop Only: Cancellation decision will be made by January 20, 12pm. Attendees will be notified by email. Attendees may also call Truman State University at 660-785-4105 or go to <http://agriculture.truman.edu/farmtoschool/> for more details.



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